



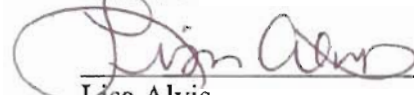
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TO: ALL COUNTY CLERKS/REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (08173)

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SUBJECT: Blackout Period Begins - CalVoter LOAD Transaction Files

\*\*\*\*\* CALVOTER ALERT \*\*\*\*\*

**BLACKOUT PERIOD EFFECTIVE MAY 20, 2008 through JULY 1, 2008.**

**When is the Blackout Period?** As defined in the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Division 7, Chapter 2, Section 20108.18(c), the Blackout Period is the period beginning on the 14<sup>th</sup> day prior to a federal election through the 28<sup>th</sup> day after the election. *The affected timeframe for the June 3, 2008 Statewide Direct Primary election is May 20, 2008 through July 1, 2008.*

**What is the Blackout Period?** Voter registration load transaction files are not processed during this time. In addition, all voter registration records submitted in an update transaction file that contains additions, updates, and deletions not relevant to that election are excluded from processing (Field Validation Rule 43).

**Why is there a Blackout Period?** This period was established during the creation of the HAVA regulations to protect the integrity of the Official Statewide Voter File as defined in the Interim Solution.

If you have any further questions about this or any other CalVoter (StateProfile) matter, please call the CalVoter Help Desk at 1-888-VOTECAL (1-888-868-3225).

Thank you.